REQUEST for CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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| | Application Number | 10/712,373 |
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| | Filing Date | November 14, 2003 |
| | First Named Inventor | Seiji KATSUOKA et al. |
| | Group Art Unit | 1792 |
| | Examiner Name | Brenda A. Lamb |
| | Attorney Docket Number | 2003_1659A |
| | Confirmation No. | 9589 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) proctice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and
 amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If
 applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such
 amendment(s).
 - a. [X] Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the limit Office Action
 - may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - 1. Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - II. [] Other
 - b. [] Enclosed:
 - [] Amendment/Reply
 - II. | Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) III. | Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - IV. [] Other:
- 2. Miscellaneous
 - a. [] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for
 a period of months (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required).
 - b. [1] Other

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- 3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. & L.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. & L.114 when the RCE is filed.)
 - The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0975.
 - RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
 - [] Other:
 - b. [] Check in the amount of \$ enclosed
 - X1 Payment is made by Credit Card for the following fees;
 - [X] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - [X] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
 - III. | Other:

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